

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A method of purifying lithium sulfide wherein lithium sulfide obtained by reacting lithium hydroxide with hydrogen sulfide in an aprotic organic solvent is washed with an organic solvent at a temperature of 100°C or higher.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of purifying lithium sulfide according to claim 1, wherein the organic solvent used for washing is an aprotic polar solvent.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of purifying lithium sulfide according to claim 2, wherein the organic solvent used for washing is N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): Lithium sulfide ~~obtained by the method of purifying lithium sulfide according to any one of claims 1 to 3,~~ wherein total content of sulfur oxides is 0.15 % by weight or less and lithium N-methylaminobutyrate (LMAB) content is 0.1 % by weight or less.

Claim 5 (Original): A solid electrolyte for a lithium rechargeable battery using the lithium sulfide according to claim 4.

Claim 6 (Original): The solid electrolyte for a lithium rechargeable battery according to claim 5, wherein the ionic conductance is 1×10^{-3} S/cm or higher.

Claim 7 (Original): A solid battery using the solid electrolyte for a lithium rechargeable battery according to claim 5.

Claim 8 (Original): A solid battery using the solid electrolyte for a lithium rechargeable battery according to claim 6.